GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
LOK SABHA

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TEHRI DAM
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the flow of water of the Bhagirathi river has been stopped due to turbine operation for generating hydro electricity at the Tehri Dam;

(b) if so, the period for which the water flow has been stopped;

(c) whether as a result of stopping the water of the Bhagirathi river the water of the Alaknanda river is flowing in the Ganga;

(d) if so, whether any action has been taken by the Government for immediately releasing the water of the Bhagirathi river into the Ganga;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. About 70 Cusecs of Bhagirathi water is flowing down stream of Tehri Dam through two nos. of pipes of 400 mm dia laid in the plug of Diversion Tunnel T-1. The Committee constituted by Government of India in April, 2001 under the Chairmanship of Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi, the then Minister of HRD and Science & Technology, had recommended uninterrupted flow (Aviral Dhara) of 35 Cusecs of water of the river Bhagirathi.

(c) to (e) : Ganga is formed at Devprayag downstream of Tehri Dam, after confluence of river Bhagirathi and river Alaknanda with 1/3rd contribution of Bhagirathi water and 2/3rd contribution of Alaknanda water. The flow from Alaknanda river is continuing unabated with some releases of water from the Bhagirathi river also, on which the Tehri Project has been set up. Further, about 1000 cusecs of water shall flow past the Tehri Dam after the reservoir level reaches El.700 m (which is expected around 8th of December, 2005) through the intermediate level outlet (ILO). Once the generation starts, further additional water will become available downstream of Tehri Dam.

(f) : Does not arise.